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1. Schönau Barracks. The barracks are occupied by about 1,200 men, mostly artillery units. Training work includes firing practice with mortars, general field training, overcoming obstacles while carrying full equipment, establishing positions, firing practice with 87 mm antitank guns.
2. Plauen. Trucks loaded partly with soldiers and partly with equipment have been observed since 6 Feb 54 leaving the barracks in Doktor-Kurt-Fischerstrasse and proceeding in the direction of Schleiz. No heavy guns have been seen leaving. No new troop arrivals have been observed as yet.
3. Olbersdorf (Lausitz). The Volkspolizei unit stationed at Olbersdorf has been relieved by a Soviet unit with 11 armored reconnaissance cars. The Volkspolizei unit has been transferred to Lobau.
4. Javenitz. On 7 Feb 54, Soviet trucks, light guns and about 80 or 90 men detrained at the Javenitz railway station. They arrived in two trains from the direction of Magdeburg, and proceeded towards the maneuver grounds in the Letzlinger Heath. It appeared to be an infantry unit with about 30 trucks and a like number of infantry guns.
5. Stendal. On 8 Feb 54, fourteen tanks and an armored reconnaissance car were seen on the Stendal-Malchau road (highway 89). They turned off at Malchau towards Letzlinger. The tanks were T-34s; For about two weeks single Soviet trucks, mostly carrying soldiers, have been seen coming from Stendal and Tangerhütte and going towards the Letzlinger maneuver area.

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